

**Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice  
February 20, 2013  
1:00 – 3:30 pm**

**600 E Main Street  
12<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Richmond, VA 23219**

**Members Present**

Kevin Appel, Chair  
Robert Bodenhamer  
Chuck Brady  
Richard Campbell  
Dave Chapman  
Lindsay Fisher  
Terone Green  
Quentin Hicks  
Steven Kast  
Malcolm King, proxy for Commissioner of DBHDS  
Andrew Slater  
Antonio Sutton  
Kim Slayton White

**Members Not Present**

Carol Adams  
Delegate Robert Bell  
Rita Bishop  
Jane Brown, proxy for Commissioner of DSS  
Alison Carlin  
Cynthia Cave, proxy for Superintendent of Public Instruction, DOE  
Shaunte Daniel  
Eileen Grey  
Hilary Griffith  
Sarah Ann Haislip  
Amanda Johnson  
Dwight Jones  
Jerrauld Jones  
Senator Bryce Reeves  
Janet Van Cuyk, proxy for Director of DJJ  
Catherine Watts

**DCJS Staff Present**

Demian Futterman  
Lloyd Young

**Call to Order/Welcome**

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 1:20pm and thanked those in attendance. Each individual present was asked to introduce themselves.

### **DMC Statewide Assessment**

Lloyd Young gave an overview of the Statewide Assessment of Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in the Virginia Juvenile Justice System process. The assessment began in 2010 and was completed in December 2012. Three localities were part of the statewide assessment: Richmond, Fairfax, and Norfolk.

Ms. Stephanie Garrison, Director of the City of Richmond's Juvenile Court Service Unit was introduced. She shared with ACJJ members how the assessment process provided local criminal justice/education stakeholders an opportunity to have an objective (outside) group document and assess a juvenile's referral and movement into the justice system.

Ms. Katherine Williams, with the Fairfax County Juvenile Court Service Unit made a presentation on her locality's experience. This assessment is one of several tools that Fairfax is using to address DMC in their juvenile justice system and across all county agencies. The county's decades-long attempt to tackle the DMC issue is multi-faceted and an on-going process.

### **Upcoming Grants & Unexpended Funds**

A recent solicitation for Byrne/JAG grants resulted in more than 200 grant applications (equipment) and 60 applications (programs) being received for staff/board review. Several grants were submitted which are juvenile focused. Therefore, at least one meeting of the grants subcommittee will be called to review the grants and make recommendations.

There is a small amount of Title V prevention funds that will need to be expended or they will revert back to OJJDP. Due to time constraints and the very limited amount of funds available, it is recommended that existing grantees have their awards increased/continued using these funds. No objection was made to the recommendation.

### **Spirit of Youth Award**

Kevin Appel gave a brief overall of the Spirit of Youth Award. The Coalition for Juvenile Justice has requested nominations for the national 2013. The due date of this year's award was noon today. Therefore, we have taken the liberty of submitting the name of Quwanisa Hines' (Commonwealth of Virginia—2012 Spirit of Youth Award Recipient). Unless there is any objection, we will let that nomination stand. There being no objection, the nomination will move forward.

We will begin the working on nominations for this year. Our nomination committee is: Lindsay Fisher, Carol Adams, Alison Carlin, Judge Robert Campbell, and Kevin Appel. Nomination forms will be ready in the near future. All members are encouraged to think of how to distribute the nomination forms in an effort of identifying individuals worthy of this recognition.

### **2013 Conference**

Lloyd informed members that the date for this year's conference will be September 25 & 26, 2013. The tentative location will be Hampton, Virginia. The conference will a joint effort of Juvenile Justice and Children's Justice Act sections of our agency.

### **Old/New Business**

The chair shared that the 2012 legislative session had been relative quiet as it related to impacting Virginia's compliance with the JJDP Act. He read a resolution passed by the General Assembly celebrating the life of Ms Ruby who served on this Advisory Committee for many years.

There was general discussion of members regarding not having the opportunity to review legislation and give an Advisory Committee Member perspective on proposed juvenile justice system policy changes to the Administration. Several expressed that the absence of this review/comment by this board is a missed opportunity in the legislative process. There was some speculation that discouraging the legislative review/comment by this body might be a reason for the sporadic attendance of some members.

There was lengthy discussion on the attendance issue. Members encouraged the chair to continue to monitor attendance and report the lack of attendance to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

**Adjourned**